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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

- 1) This Preliminary Amendment is filed contemporaneously with the filing of a U.S. Patent Application claiming priority from an application filed in Germany as 199 51 477.1 on 26 October 1999. The fees for the claims should be calculated based on the claims remaining after the entry of this Preliminary Amendment, which results in 15 total and 1 independent claim.

Consistent with the modifications to 37 CFR §1.121, the applicant has provided the amended claims in a clean form on the enclosed replacement sheets.

- 2) Amendments to the Disclosure

None at this time.

- 3) Amendments to the Figures

None at this time.

- 4) Amendments to the Claims

After the heading "CLAIMS" and before the beginning of the claims, please insert the words: --

Q. What is claimed is: --

Please cancel claim 1, without bias or prejudice:

1. (canceled) A stent, in particular a coronary stent, having a coating (6, 18), characterised in that the coating (6, 18) is of an irregular nature.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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